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Medicine Bow-Routt National Forests Thunder Basin National Grassland

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Prairie Dog Plan Final Environment Impact Statement available

(Douglas, Wyo.) Oct. 19, 2009 -- The Thunder Basin National Grassland has completed its Final Environmental Impact Statement analyzing the effects of amending the Thunder Basin National Grassland Land and Resource Management Plan as needed to manage prairie dog complexes and colonies on the Grassland. Prairie dog management would help provide habitat for black-footed ferrets and other species associated with prairie dog habitat. The proposed plan would also help prevent unwanted colonization of prairie dogs onto adjacent private lands. A Decision on the amendment is expected in November.

The FEIS is available at http://www.fs.fed.us/r2/mbr/projects/forestplans/in_progress/index.shtml. For more information, please call the Douglas Ranger District at 307-358-4690.

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